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(Three Times Amended). An expandable composition comprising a combination comprising at least one base polymer comprising at least one maleic anhydride modified copolymer of ethylene, at least one expansion agent, at least one hydrocarbon resin, at least one member selected from the group consisting of polybutadiene rubber, ethyl vinyl acetate, ethylene diene monomer and ethylene-acrylic acid polymer; and at least one curing agent.

2(Three Times Amended). A composition comprising a combination comprising at least one copolymer base polymer comprising styrene butadiene rubber, at least one expansion agent, at least one hydrocarbon resin, at least one member selected from the group consisting of polybutadiene rubber, ethyl vinyl acetate, ethylene diene monomer and ethylene-acrylic acid polymer.

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11(Amended). A self-retaining, injection molded and heat expandable sealant comprising a compressible protuberance dimensioned for insertion into a member to be sealed and at least two extensions that extend along at least a portion of an exterior surface of the member to be sealed.

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12(Three Times Amended). A heat expandable composition comprising a combination comprising at least one base polymer comprising styrene butadiene rubber, at least one supplemental polymer comprising ethyl vinyl acetate, at least one expansion agent, at least one catalyst and at least one filler.

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14(Amended). A method for sealing comprising:
providing a sealant having a three-dimensional configuration that defines at least one protuberance, at least one opening and at least two extensions,
compression fitting at least a portion of said protuberance into a member to be sealed wherein said at least two extensions extend along an exterior of the member to be sealed, and,

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heating under conditions sufficient to expand said sealant thereby providing a seal and at least partially embedding the member to be sealed in said sealant.

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23(New). The method of Claim 14 wherein said member to be sealed comprises at least one automotive component.

24(New). The method of Claim 23 wherein said automotive component comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of an A-pillar, B-pillar or C-pillar.

25(New). The method of Claim 23 wherein the sealant comprises the composition of any one of Claims 1, 2 or 12.

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